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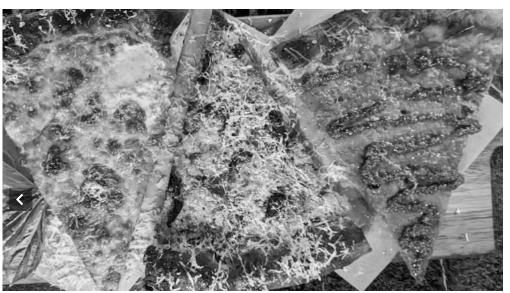
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Miami Slice lives up to the hype, but beware of pizza purgatory.

Since its arrival as an order-online-only pop-up during the pandemic, Miami Slice has been the hottest debutante at the ball, written up often as the best new pizza spot in Miami and Instagrammed by those who have become famous for eating pizza. But Miami Slice also brings up a fundamental question. What would you put up with for something delicious?

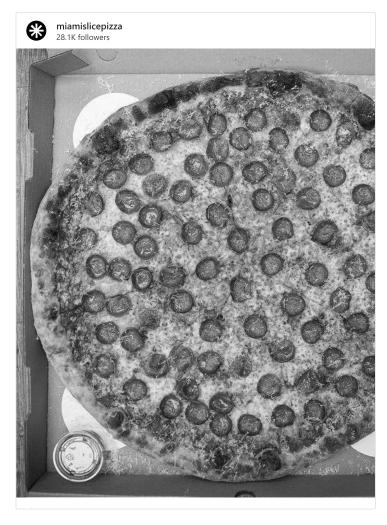
You might think the chaotic setup at Miami Slice is totally worth it if you're the type who chased <u>Ted's Burgers</u> locations around town, or dealt with the often-difficult ordering process in the early days of <u>Old Greg's</u>, or drove the <u>Drinking Pig</u>. There are also those of you who would rather just walk into <u>Eleventh Street</u> or <u>Stanzione 87</u> a of drama. In that case, Miami Slice may not be your friend.



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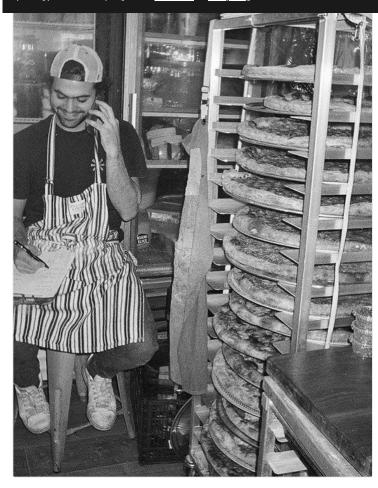
If the Miami Slice website and ordering system and Instagram page left you confused, apparently you're not alone. Here's how it works: Their massive, New York-style pizzas become available a few days in advance and without warning. If you see that the pies say "Sold Out" (as they almost always do), you've missed your chance. There's also a dine-in option for slices that might make ordering easier. But not always.



When we arrived 15 minutes before the 5pm opening, only a couple of small groups were already waiting. Looking unsure of ourselves, we all collected on park benches outside for a while before someone came out to take our names down on a clipboard. Eventually, as more people arrive, we were herded into two groups, with those who had put in takeout orders getting sent to a long line in front of the taco restaurant next door—a line that ended up being something of pizza purgatory. (More on that later.)

A few minutes after five, a few of us who had arrived for dine-in was led into a shoebox of a space, with a massive green stone har curving through the center of it providing most of the seating. Try to snag one of those bar stools if you can, as the couple seated someone down. In those first moments after opening, the vibe at Miami Slice could only be described as crow

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Behind the bar, two guys worked the first stage of the pizza reheating, scooping up pre-made pies from a large cooling rack in the back that held dozens of them. They'd reheat whole pizzas and individual slices and hand them off to two people at the counter who added final ingredients. We will admit: watching them microplane parmesan and scoop oozy stracciatella onto hot pizza slices is very sexy food porn.

While we'd read online about waits of an hour or more for dine-in pizzas, our slices arrived quickly, the Leeks on Bacon first. It was quite simply an unimpeachable slice. The garlic confit cream sauce provided an earthy richness, the bacon a smokiness and crunchy texture, the leeks an oniony bite, the crust a perfect example of charred leopard spots on the bottom holding up firm, the edges both fluffy and crisp. It served as something of a dream appetizer to the hit-or-miss second round.



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Having ordered all five of the slices on the menu, the final four arrived at the same time, three spread out on a cutting board and one extra getting its own plate. Compared to the first slice, these had spent far longer getting reheated, the crust now a dark brown and charred mostly black on top. The crackly crust flaked away as we tried to hold it and, when we bit into it, crumbled like boxed matzo. Ours wasn't alone; all the slices and whole pies we saw coming out while we were there had a charcoal-colored ring along the top, not just spots of black but a steady circle of deep burn on top of the crust.

While disappointingly overcooked, our slices were topped with ingredients that generally made clear why this place has gotten so much attention: a creamy mushroom perfumed with pungent truffle oil; a triple-sauced number with red vodka and a swirl of pesto; crispy pepperoni cups drizzled with hot honey and that creamy stracciatella; and a simple margherita. This has been <u>labeled as among the best pizza in Miami by some trustable authorities</u>, and the triple-sauced slice and the pepperoni with all the extras was worthy of lots of praise—even with the too-cooked crust, and the weird ordering system and maybe even for those who had to wait.

With all the attention Miami Slice has received, it'd be easy to assume prices would've risen to unreasonable status. But per-slice prices run from \$4.75 for the margherita to 11 bucks for a slice dressed up with the stracciatella and hot honey—pretty reasonable considering two slices will probably do it. Whole pies at \$29 to \$48 might seem pricey, but with eight slices each, they should feed three.



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out, the line for takeout orders had now stretched out to the sidewalk, and a mass of people crowded the park benches for a seat inside. There were those who looked impatient, cross-armed and wondering why they had to wait past the time they had booked to pick up a pie and why there were inexplicably open seats inside yet to be filled. Others seemed to be relishing in the anticipation, first-timers probably, hoping it'd be all that had been promised.

Is Miami Slice worth all the work to finally get a slice? It's a fundamental question, and it's an adventure to answer.

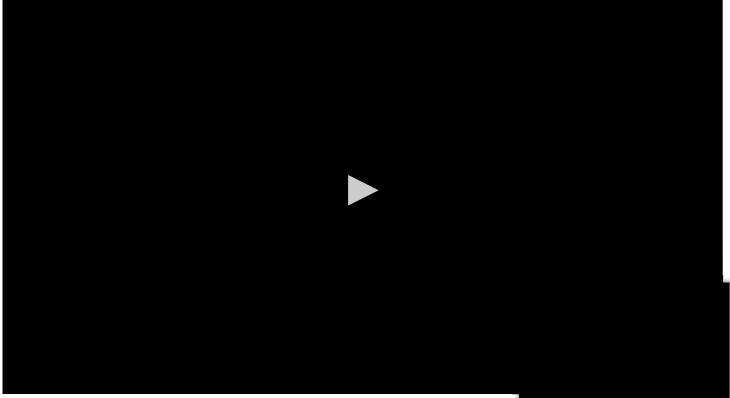




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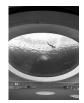




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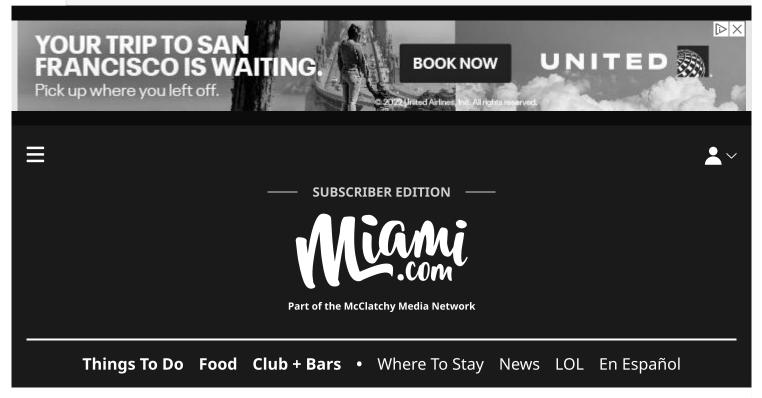












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'GOAT pizza party': Tom Brady and David Beckham meet up with kids in Miami

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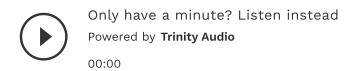








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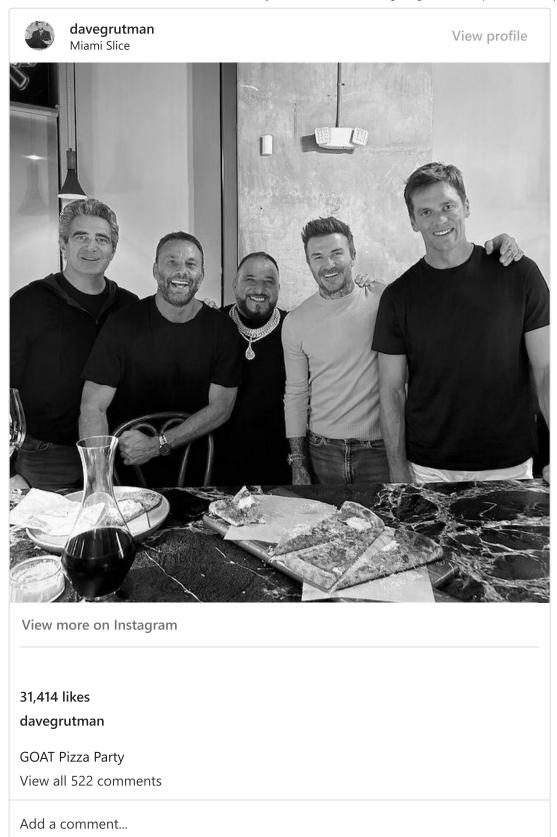
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Oh what a night.

For anyone who wanted to sit down for a slice or two from Miami Slice Thursday night, you were out of luck.

The Instagram page for the <u>downtown eatery</u> said it was closed for a private event.

Well, we know now what the event was: A VIP get together for the likes of David Beckham and Tom Brady.



Nightlife king David Grutman was also along for the ride and posted an Instagram picture of him with the soccer star and football legend along with his Papi Steak partner David Einhorn and Fontainebleau owner Jeff Soffer.

The caption: "GOAT pizza party."

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A peek at Beckham's Stories shows the food-filled fun. Though Brooklyn is the rising chef in the famous family, it appears Cruz took over cooking duties that night. The 17 year old is seen in a video taking a hot pie out of the oven, looking like he owns the place.

Dad was impressed.

"Now I'm not a pizza fan but this is possibly best slice of pizza and ingredients ever: salami, mozzarella, basil and spicey honey," the Englishman's text over screen read. "Hot, cold, sweet, savory and spicy."



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the slice bar will be closed this thursday for a private event - we'll be taking only takeout orders til 7pm, and the terrace will be available too downward message us with any questions, and thank you!

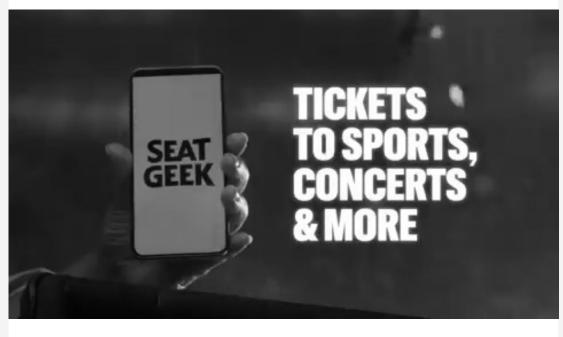
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The dinner was a family affair: Also digging in to the cheesy chow was Becks' daughter Harper, 11, with Posh Spice, and Brady's 10-year-old daughter Vivian,

with ex, Gisele. The four pose happily in one of Groot's snaps; Brady reshared it, writing "Daddy daughter dates."

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Einhorn <u>also posted a pic</u> of the five men, smiling at the restaurant, captioning the shot, "It's pizza, baby."

Grutman replied in the comments section: "Whatta night," and we have to agree.

Here's to hoping Brady ate a boatload of carbs and toppings. Former Miami Herald sports columnist turned ESPN reporter Jeff Darlington recently noted that that the famed Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback has <u>lost roughly 15 pounds</u> amid his divorce.

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Celebrity/real time news reporter Madeleine Marr has been with The Miami Herald since 2003. She has covered such features as travel, fashion and food. In 2007, she helped launch the newspaper's daily People Page, attending red carpet events, awards ceremonies and press junkets; interviewing some of the biggest names in show business; and hosting her own online show. She is originally from New York City and has two daughters.



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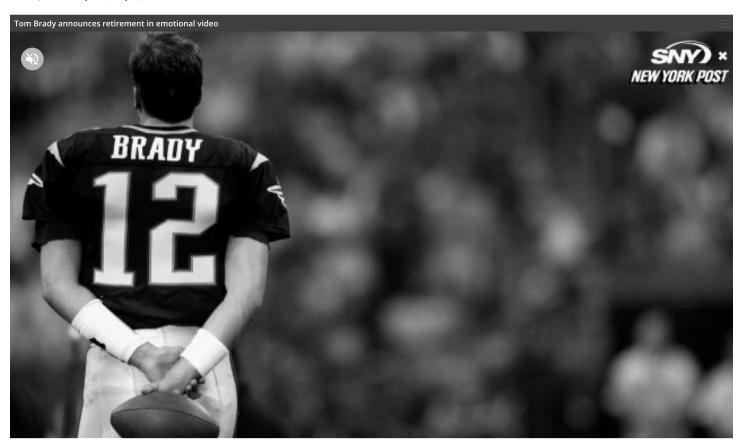




Tom Brady, David Beckham reunite for family pizza party in Miami

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While the Buccaneers won the NFC South for the second consecutive year and punched a ticket to their third straight playoff spot, the sour season-ending loss to the Cowboys sparked questions about Brady's future.



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Pizza making is on the menu for the Bradys and Beckhams pict Instagram

Father-daughter photo at pizza night in Miami with Tom Brady and daughter Vivian, 10, along with David Beckham and his daughter Harper, 11.

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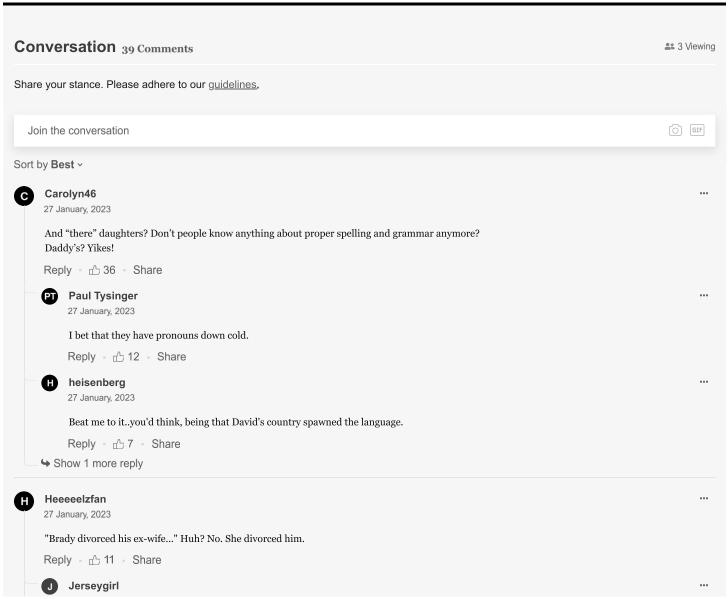
Brady divorced his ex-wife, Bündchen, in October. The 42-year-old supermodel has since reignited her modeling career after leaving it to take care of her children with Brady.

She also may have a new sparkling romance with her jiu-jitsu instructor Joaquim Valente. The pair were seen in Provincia de Puntarenas with the model's two children and Valente's co-trainer.

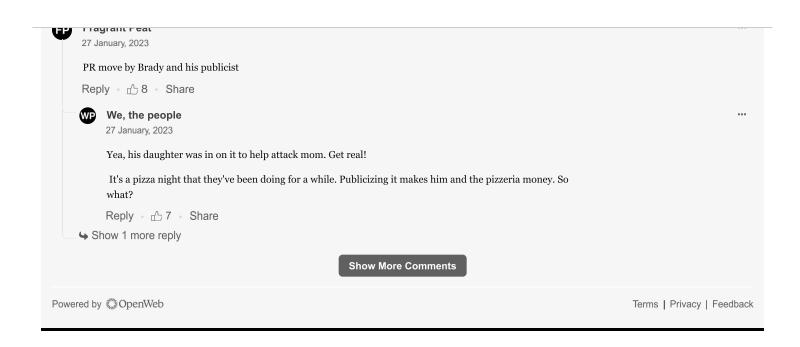
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Becks, 47, and Brady, 45



David Beckham and daughter Harper, 11, with Tom Brady and Vivian, 10 Credit: Instagram / @davidbeckham



Beckham and Brady went daddy-daughter date cred



The two sports legends' get-together has been hailed as the 'GOAT pizza party' Credit: Instagram / @davidbeckham

The two sports legends spend a lot of time in the Sunshine State with Beckham being the co-owner of MLS team, Inter Miami.

While Brady performed a retirement U-turn to continue playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

But following the end to the Buccaneers' season, with a 31-14 loss to the Dallas Cowboys in the wild card round of the NFL playoffs, retirement speculation has sparked up again.

Brady, however, seems more focussed on spending time with his children John, Vivian and Benjamin following his <u>divorce from Gisele Bundchen</u>.

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Following the Buccaneers' NFL disappointment, Brady was spikey when asked about retirement.

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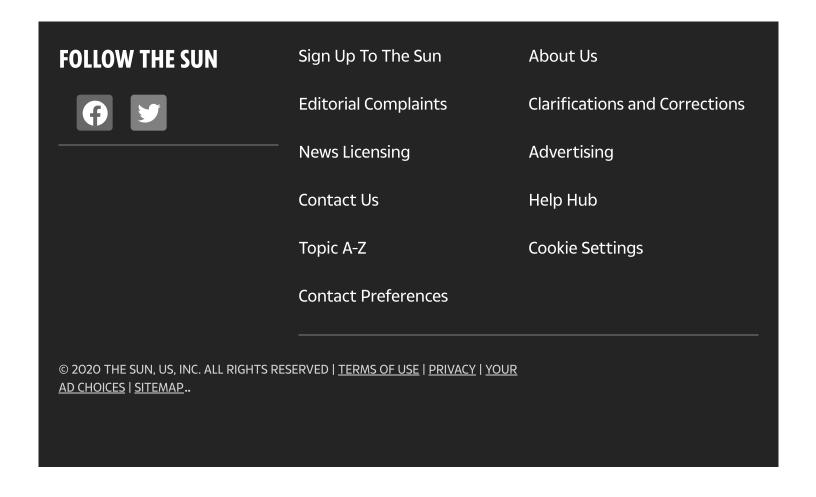
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Brady insisted he hasn't made his mind up in an X-rated interview.

The seven-time Super Bowl winner said: "If I knew what I was going to f**king do, I would've already f**king done it. OK.

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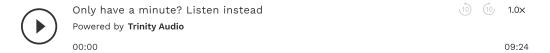
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Pizzaiolo Eddie Zinkand sets a pizza inside the oven for baking at Old Greg's Pizza restaurant in Midtown. DANIEL A. VARELA dvarela@miamiherald.com



On the other side of the pandemic, there is pizza.

Square pizza, sourdough pizza, naturally leavened pizza, New York style pizza.

The disruption of shuttered restaurants brought Miami a bounty of pies. They came from chefs who were suddenly laid off or empty restaurants rethinking fine dining. They found a city full of diners looking for comfort in red sauce.

What started as pandemic pop-ups have, two years on, led to permanent and prospering shops that have improved Miami's pizza options.

"Pizza was definitely the food of the pandemic," said David Foulquier, who turned his successful Fooq's restaurant downtown into Eleventh Street Pizza.

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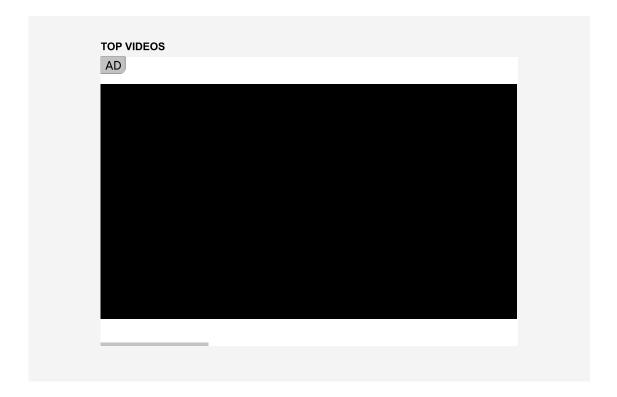
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Miami had never been considered a pizza paradise. People had their favorites, if they were not enough to win over visiting New Yorkers: Steve's and Frankie's and Cassola's. And we had delicate, artisanal gems with devoted followings: Mister O-1 Extraordinary Pizza, tucked in a Miami Beach office building, Harry's Pizzeria from renowned chef Michael Schwartz.

And we had imports like Brooklyn's Lucali in Sunset Harbour.

But in the last two years, South Florida locals took it upon themselves to add to Miami's pizza scene — some out of necessity, some seeing opportunity.



"I don't think there's anything more comforting than going to a pizza place with your family and talking over pizza and beer," said Carlos Estarita, who opened Vice City Pizza first as a pop-up inside Abi Maria in Downtown Dadeland.

These are four of our favorite pizza shops to grow out of the pandemic.

ELEVENTH STREET PIZZA



Pepperoni and hot honey pizza at the new Eleventh Street Pizza, which replaced Fooq's in downtown Miami 52 Chefs Handout

David Foulquier's pandemic gamble has taken off.

When the early days of the coronavirus made it impossible to safely run his intimate Persian-French restaurant Fooq's, where he was named a Forbes 30-under-30 restaurateur, he started baking pizza instead. He called the pop-up Eleventh Street, named for the downtown street it borders. They hired Aquiles Bisogni, a 29-year veteran of Joe's Pizza on Carmine Street in Greenwich Village who had retired to South Florida, to teach them the ropes.

Eleventh Street used only naturally leavened sourdough starter, high quality ingredients like Bianco DiNapoli San Marzano tomatoes, and thoughtful toppings like GiAntonio Pepperoni from Ezzo Sausage Co., and homemade garlic confit and porcini mushroom Alfredo sauce.

He offered two styles of pizzas: what he called "neo New York style" and square Sicilian pies that feed six.

And for that, he commanded Lucali prices, ranging from \$28-\$42. He sold out his 30-40 daily pies within hours.

That has led to a sit-down service, including a selection of low-intervention wines. And they have started opening late into the night.

He knows diners, especially in a near-recession, might hesitate at the price. So he will start offering smaller pizzas, serving 2-3, for those who don't want to invest in an enormous pie.

"The pizza business is a hustle. It's pinching pennies," he said. "More good pizza, priced at what good pizza should be priced at, is good for everyone."

Eleventh Street is set to open a second location in Downtown Dadeland.

Address: 1035 N. Miami Ave., downtown Miami

Hours: 4 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday-Thursday, until 2 a.m. Friday. Noon-2 a.m.,

Saturday, until 10 p.m. Sunday.

More info: EleventhStreetPizza.com, 786-536-2749

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OLD GREG'S PIZZA



Greg Tetzner, owner of Old Greg's Pizza restaurant, holds out a pizza pie ready for the oven inside his brick and mortar in Midtown. Daniel A. Varela dvarela@miamiherald.com

Greg Tetzner and Jackie Richie's pizza <u>went Instagram famous</u> during the pandemic. That was by design.

The couple had been working toward opening a pizza restaurant when the pandemic hit — they already had a logo and social media handle. Rather than scrap the idea, they powered through, selling square pizza out of their apartment (in a home oven rigged with pizza stones), all via Instagram. Tetzner used the pizza skills he'd learned working under some of Miami's best chefs, like Schwartz and Ghee's Niven Patel, not to mention making dough at El Bagel across the street from their house. Richie used the contacts she'd built as a publicist.

Tetzner's square pizza filled Instagram feeds to the point many people didn't realize Old Greg's was a pop-up, not an actual restaurant.

They kept the buzz going until they opened their dream pizza spot after two years, in January 2022.



Now they make two spectacular kinds of pies, both from that two-year-old mother sourdough they nicknamed Old Greg.

The massive 20-inch round pies pull apart delicately, with a toasty crisp. On the other end, each slice of their square pie is a meal in itself. Toppings range from marinated and house-pickled vegetables to imported pepperoni with hot honey.

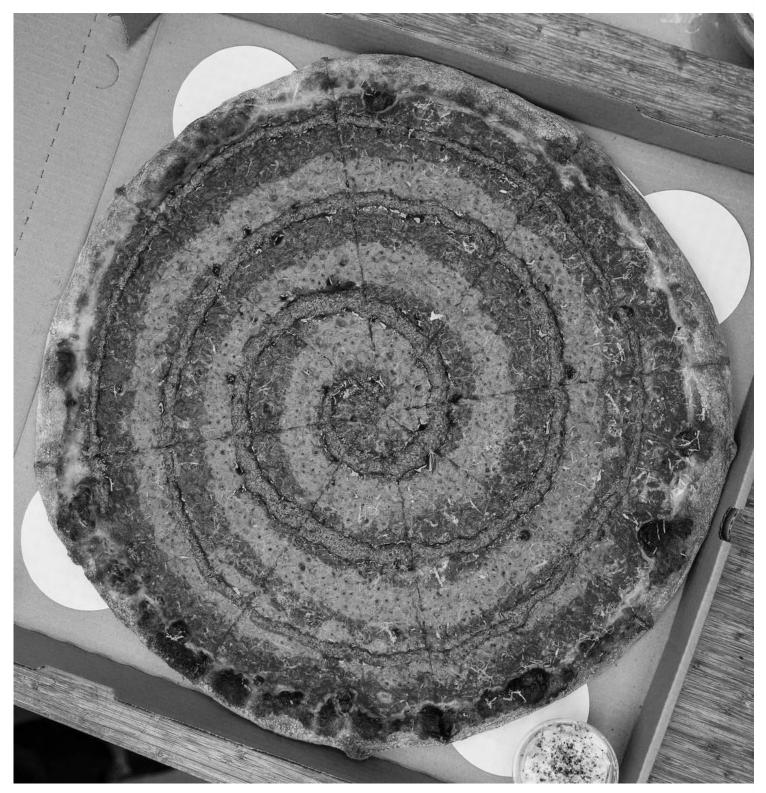
Don't miss the selection of bomboloni, a kind of Italian jelly doughnut with changing fillings, like tiramisu.

Address: 3620 NE Second Ave., Midtown

Hours: 5-10 p.m., Monday, Thursday, Friday. Opening at 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Pizza by the slice 3-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday.

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MIAMI SLICE



Miami Slice has opened a permanent spot in downtown Miami.

Alejandro Díaz moved to Miami in 2019, ready to build on his success with Caracas restaurants.

But shortly after he and partners Alberto Zanetti and José Cárdenas bought La Latina in Midtown, selling two dozen different kinds of Venezuelan arepas and empanadas, the pandemic threatened to derail their idea of quickly opening a new pizza restaurant. Instead, they used the slow business to develop a New York style pizza recipe from La Latina's kitchen. They called it Miami Slice and sold it all on Instagram, scheduling orders a week out with drive-through pickup behind the restaurant.

"We were speakeasy pizza," he joked. "It was a line of cars coming through the alley."

Díaz first moved to the United States to study at the University of Denver, where he played Division I soccer on scholarship. But it was working in New York City later where he learned to love the pizza. With the help of another set of partners, he turned that love into Pizza Caracas after he went home in 2007.

In Miami, pizza lovers fell in love with his New York style pies, the dough cold-fermented for more than three days to gain its sourdough flavor. Swirls of pesto on his La Salsera, interspersed with marinara and vodka sauce, are mesmerizing. He combined flavors like leeks and bacon on other pies. And the slight crunch to what he calls artisanal with "New York style DNA" made instant fans. Every slice is like a work of art. Similar to Old Greg's, Díaz's spouse, who co-founded online site The Hungry Post, helped spread the word about the pies.

New York-sized individual slices range from \$4.75 to \$8.50. Whole pies range from \$29-\$48.

Now Miami Slice has its own, separate location with limited hours soon to be expanded. And Miami has another great pizza option.

"We needed a life raft and we were able to craft a pretty solid boat," Díaz said.

Address: 1335 NE Miami Ct., downtown Miami

Hours: 5-9 p.m., Thursday-Sunday.

More info: MiamiSlicePizza.com

VICE CITY PIZZA



Vice City Pizza now has a permanent spot inside Abi Maria in Downtown Dadeland with another location coming in the fall in West Kendall.

Working at Michy's, Scarpetta, Zuma and Coya had prepared Carlos Estarita for a life of fine-dining, but not a pandemic.

When he and his spouse, a nurse, suddenly found themselves out of work in Washington, D.C., they started making and eating a lot of homemade pizza — and eating through their savings.

They came home to South Florida, where Estarita considered giving up cooking — until a close friend, Jorgie Ramos, owner of a host of Kendall restaurants like Abi Maria, refused to let Estarita throw away his cooking talent.

Ramos gave Estarita a space at Abi Maria last summer to make his two-day fermented, focaccia-style square pies — light, fluffy slices with fun toppings that reflected Miami's palate. And they were a hit.

They are not only pizzas with fine quality toppings like Ezzo pepperoni and hot honey, and a mushroom pie with a base of shallots, garlic and truffles that he refuses to alter for any guest. He also has fun with pizza.

There are pies like La Colombiana, with Colombian hot dog slices, homemade pineapple jam, garlic cilantro sauce, bacon and black forest ham. El Cubiche (his parents are Colombian and Cuban) is topped with caja china pork, confit garlic and onions and mojo aioli. And a gluten-free pie is a dead ringer for the real thing. One-offs include a Frito Pie pizza, in which he uses homemade chili made by Mike Mayta of the Citadel food hall's United States Burger Service, which makes some of the best burgers in the city.

"It's pizza. It's not supposed to be serious," Estarita said. "Granted some are gimmicky, but if they taste good and people enjoy it, I don't care."

He has expanded with a huge new oven in Abi Maria and has partnered with Ramos to sign a lease for a new pizza restaurant in the same shopping center as Finka, in West Kendall, where he grew up. He expects it to open by October. Pies range \$16-\$20 and serve 2-3.

Address: 8860 SW 72nd Pl., inside Abi Maria in Downtown Dadeland

Hours: 5-10:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Dine-in only on Friday-Saturday.

More info: ViceCityPizza.com

Coming soon: In the Plaza Alegre shopping center on Southwest 26th Street and 147th Avenue.

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The Pizza Slices From Miami Slice In Florida Have A Cult Following, And There's A Reason Why

There is a reason why Miami Slice in Miami, Florida, has developed a cult-like following since opening its brick-and-mortar in the downtown sphere. For starters, this isn't your average pizza shop by any means. Miami Slice is a counter-serve pizza shop highlighting gourmet ingredients. But what's more, is that you can mix and match your slices for an epic pizza taster. If you're having doubts about whether or not this is the best pizza place in Miami, see for yourself...

Miami Slice pizza is a unique dining concept focusing on artisanal New York-style pizza with a gourmet twist.



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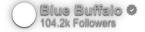




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Miami Slice Pizza

There aren't too many slice bars in Florida to begin with, so the concept itself is often what people find so fascinating.





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But then - there's the food. This isn't your average New York-style pizza. When you're topping your pizza with truffle cream or pepperoni and hot honey, you already know it's going to be magic.





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Ordering here is simple: mix and match a few slices or grab a 20" pie. You can kick up any slice with red pepper flakes, stracciatella, or hot honey, or get a three-cheese dip or red sauce dip for your crust.







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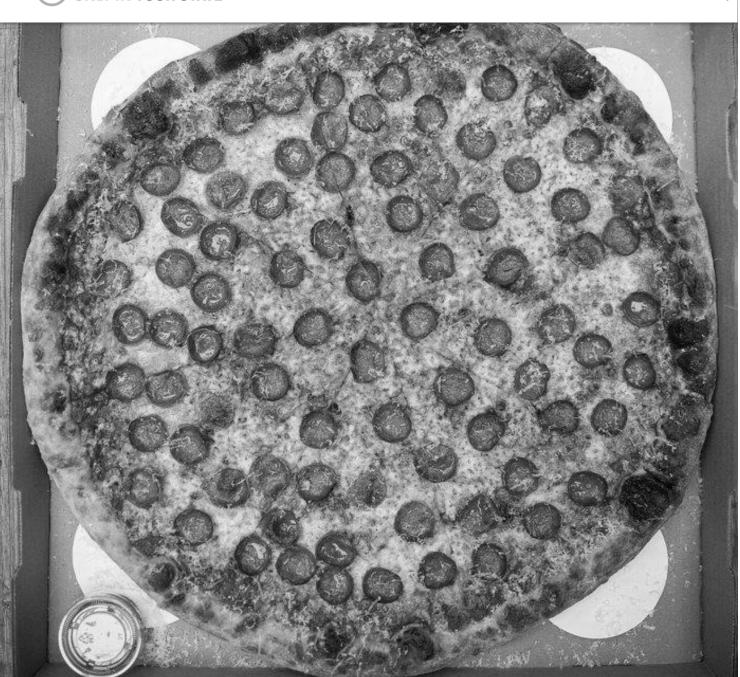


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Or the Pepperoni Proper is also a fan favorite. Those tiny pepperonis curl up during cooking to hold all that pizza goodness inside.





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No matter what you order, though, you'll easily recognize why these decadent pizza slices have developed such a cult following.









about how to visit, make sure to check out the <u>Miami Slice website</u> or the <u>Miami Slice Facebook</u> <u>Page</u>.

Meanwhile, if you need something else in Miami to do after you're done chowing down, the take a look at this <u>humongous indoor miniature golf course Puttshack!</u>

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